THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As a special case, full generation of one unit of Anta GPS was allocated to Rajasthan in October, 1993 due to power shortage conditions prevailing in the State. This special allocation was continued and not withdrawn earlier due to prolonged outage of untis 1 & 2 at RAPS with effect from February, 1994 and August, 1994 respectively.

(b) and (c) Anta GPS is a regional power station and all the constituent States / UTs of Northern Region have firm share in the power station in accordance with the sharing formula. The RAPS Unit-I was restored in April, 1997 and Unit -2 in June, 1998. Consequent to restoration of RAPS units 1 & 2 and persistent pressure from the other states of Northern Region for restoration of their due shares in Anta GPS, the special allocation to Rajasthan from Anta GPS had to be withdrawn in October 1999. Restoration of the special allocation to Rajasthan would deprive the other states in the Northern Region of their entitled shares in Anta GPS and also attract stiff opposition from constituent states.

**Naphtha Power Project at ANTA in Rajasthan**

728. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC is reviewing its decisions to continue with the work relating to the 650 MW Naphtha based power project at Anta in Rajasthan, the foundation stone of which was laid by the Union Minister for Power on 18th December, 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and what is the alternative strategy in this regard; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to compensate the affected State, including Rajasthan, for the non-availability of power from the project as per the schedule indicated earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will finalise bids for Main Plant Package expeditiously not only for Anta expansions project in Rajasthan but also for expansion projects of similar capacity at Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh and Kawas and Gandhar in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.